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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: AGDS 12-31-74

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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. GIVEN THE AMPLE SUPPLY OF RICE IN PHNOM PENH AT PRESENT,
WE PROPOSE WITH THIS MESSAGE TO SIMPLIFY THE FORMAT OF OUR RICE
REPORTS BY OMITTING THE DAY-TO-DAY SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION FIGURES
AND SUBSTITUTING A SUMMARY FOR THE WHOLE REPORTING PERIOD.

2. FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 3 THROUGH JUNE 24, 1974, WE SUMMARIZE
THE RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING STOCK 6/10/74	55,176
ARRIVALS VIA MEKONG	18,962
TOTAL AVAILABILITY	74,138

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LESS DISTRIBUTION 6/10 THRU 6/23 15,470

BALANCE 58,668

LESS ADJUSTMENTS (205)

CLOSING STOCK 6/23/74 58,463

3. STOCK POSITION. AT COB JUNE 23, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH TOTALLED 58,463 METRIC TONS OR AN 85-DAY SUPPLY. OF THIS TONNAGE, 8,500 M/T WERE AFLOAT IN PHNOM PENH HARBOR AWAITING DISCHARGE ON THAT DATE. KOMPONG SOM REPORTS A RESERVE STOCK OF 6,110 M/T AS OF JUNE 21. OF THIS TONNAGE, 900 M/T ARE PRESENTLY BEING LOADED ON THE VESSEL VENG AN FOR DESTINATION SATTAHIP/UTAPAO. THESE 900 M/T REPRESENT THE LAST AND FINAL INCREMENT OF RICE TO BE REMOVED FROM LOMPONG SOM. THE BALANCE OF 5,210 M/T WILL BE USED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE THREE MARITIME PROVINCES OVER THE NEXT 90 DAYS.

4. DISTRIBUTION. THE GKR'S RICE COMMITTEE HAS HAD TO FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT A DAILY QUOTA OF 650 M/T CAN NO LONGER BE MAINTAINED IN VIEW OF THE SEASONAL UPSURGE IN DEMAND. A NEW DAILY QUOTA HAS BEEN SET AT 680 M/T. EVEN SO, DAILY DISTRIBUTION FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 23 HAS AVERAGED 704 M/T. THIS IS DUE MOSTELY TO INCREASED DEMAND ON THE PART OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND THE FACT THAT THE DAILY QUOTA FOR FANK HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 220.5 TO 265 TONS TO TAKE CARE OF NEW RECRUITS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. FANK HAD ORIGINALLY PRESENTED THE RICE COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF 100 M/T PER DAY. FOLLOWING A REVIEW BY MEDTC OF ACTUAL TROOP STRENGTH, THE RICE COMMITTEE GRANTED AN INCREASE OF ONLY 44.5 M/T TO FANK.

MOST PROVINCES SUPPLIED OUT OF PHNOM PENH STOCKS BY AIRLIFT AND/OR RIVER CONVOYS ARE ALSO SEEKING INCREASES IN THEIR MONTHLY RICE ALLOCATIONS DUE TO A CONTINUING INFLUX OF REFUGEES OR RALLIERS. THE RICE COMMITTEE AND USAID ARE ENDEAVORING TO KEEP ALL THESE DEMANDS IN CHECK.

5. RECENT MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVALS

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DATE RICE TONNAGE

JUNE 6 4,568 M/T

JUNE 11 8,087 M/T

JUNE 22 6,307 M/T

6. RICE BACKHAUL FROM BATTAMBANG TO SAMAE SAN.

JUNE 19 240 M/T
JUNE 26 240 M/T
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